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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY # WSEB 02-03CERTIFIED MAIL #7099 3400 0002 9772 2234

Subject: Stewartstown - Public Water System: Coos County Farm (EPA# 2194010)

Dear Ms. Collins:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Coos County Farm water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01, have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

December 2001 and January 2002

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- 1. **By February 8, 2002**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences; and
- By February 22, 2002, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report including recommendations and an implementation schedule to correct the water system deficiencies.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

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The copy of the consultant's written report as requested above should be addressed as follows:

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Please contact Linda Magoon by phone at (603) 271-0672, or by e-mail at <u>lmagoon@des.state.nh.us</u> if you have any questions regarding this letter.

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cc: Gretchen Rule, DES Legal Unit

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